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1. The Chinese Communist Marine Corps is organized into four divisions as follows:

1 Division: Headquarters, Yingt'ou (122-13, 40-40)

1 Regiment: Headquarters, Yingt'ou

2 Regiment: Headquarters, Hulutao (121-01, 40-44)

3 Regiment: Headquarters, Hulutao

2 Division: Headquarters, Port Arthur

4 Regiment: Headquarters, Port Arthur

5 Regiment: Headquarters, Dairen

6 Regiment: Headquarters, Dairen

3 Division: Headquarters, Tsingtao

7 Regiment: Headquarters, Tsingtao

8 Regiment: Headquarters, Shanghai

9 Regiment: Headquarters, Amoy

4 Division: Headquarters, Yulin (109-34, 18-13)

10 Regiment: Headquarters, Yulin

11 Regiment: Not organized

12 Regiment: Not organized

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2. The Chinese Communist Marine Corps is also organized into columns as follows:

1 Column: Port Arthur-Dairen area; 3,000 men; armed with 2,000 rifles, 400 light machine guns, 30 heavy machine guns, and five rocket guns; composed of five battalions; organized early July 1950; advised by ten Soviets.

2 Column: Port Arthur area; 2,400 men; armed with 1,800 rifles, 250 light machine guns, and 20 heavy machine guns; composed of four battalions; organized late July 1950; advised by eight Soviets.

3 Column: Hulutao area; 2,200 men; equipped with 1,500 rifles, 280 light machine guns, and 20 heavy machine guns; composed of four battalions; organized late August 1950; advised by seven Soviets.

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- 4 Column: Port Arthur area; 1,800 men; equipped with 1,400 rifles, 160 Irgut machine guns, and 16 heavy machine guns; composed of four battalions; organized October 1950; advised by nine Soviets.
 - 5 Column: Ying'ou area; 2,400 men; equipped with 1,900 rifles, 200 light machine guns, and 20 heavy machine guns; composed of four battalions; organized December 1950; advised by seven Soviets.
 - 6 Column: Hangchow Bay area; 3,000 men; equipped with 2,000 rifles, 250 light machine guns, and 20 heavy machine guns; composed of five battalions; organized December 1950; advised by 12 Soviets.
 - 7 Column: Fuchou-Amoy area; 3,200 men; equipped with 2,500 rifles, 150 light machine guns, and seven heavy machine guns; composed of five battalions; organized March 1951; advised by 16 Soviets.
 - 8 Column: Being formed at Yulin, where 2,000 men are in training.
 - 9 Column: Whampoa area; 3,000 men, composed of five battalions; organized 20 April 1951.
 - 10 Column: Haik'ou (110-20, 20-03) area; in process of formation.
3. There is a total of 21,000 men and 88 Soviet advisers in the Chinese Communist Marine Corps. In the Marine Corps each battalion has four companies. The columns are officially numbered from 1 to 10, but for purposes of releasing news, these columns are numbered from 11 to 20. In May 1951 the 6 Column was transferred to Tsingtao for training. In June 1951 the 7 Column was transferred to Tsingtao for training.

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- 1. Comment. It is not clear whether the division and column organizations are composed of separate units or the same troops are organized both as divisions and columns. The column organization seems almost equivalent to a regiment, with the 1, 2, and 4 Columns in the area of the 2 Division, the 3 and 5 Columns in the area of the 1 Division, the 6 and 7 Columns in the area of the 3 Division, and the 8, 9, and 10 Columns in the areas of the 4 Division.